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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 10, line 7, change "6" to --7--.

Page 11, line 11, change "22" to --38--; line 14, change "rotatated" to --rotated--.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (amended) A method of manufacturing the filter cigarette of any one of claims 1 through 4 comprising cutting a tobacco rod and a wrapped filter plug to a desired length, bringing the tobacco rod and the wrapped filter plug into axial alignment, overwrapping the tobacco rod and the wrapped filter plug with tipping paper, forming a circumferential cut in said wrapped filter plug and said tipping paper, said circumferential cut extending partially through said wrapped filter plug [so as to leave] and defining first

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and second segments and a central [bore] core along the longitudinal axis of said wrapped filter plug, [thereby permitting rotational movement of] such that the first segment[s] is rotatable relative to the second segment about the longitudinal axis of the filter plug[defined by said circumferential cut].

In the Drawings

Please substitute the five sheets of formal drawings filed herewith for the five sheets of informal drawings filed with the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and then authorize the following amendments to the drawings:

FIG. 3, delete the broken line between the perforations 9;

FIG. 7, add reference numeral --7--.

FIG. 9, change reference numeral "22" to --38--;

FIG. 10, change reference numeral "22" to --38--;

FIG. 13, change reference numeral "25" to --28--;

which are indicated in red on the attached copies, so that they may be made by a commercially bonded draftsman.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to correct certain inadvertent typographical errors and to correct the inadvertent use of reference numeral 22 to refer to both the plastic extrusion of FIG. 8 and the circular knife of FIGS. 9 and 10. The circular knife has been assigned the next available reference numeral 38. These amendments do not introduce new matter.

FIG. 1

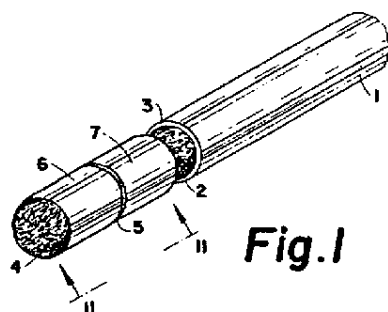


Fig. 1

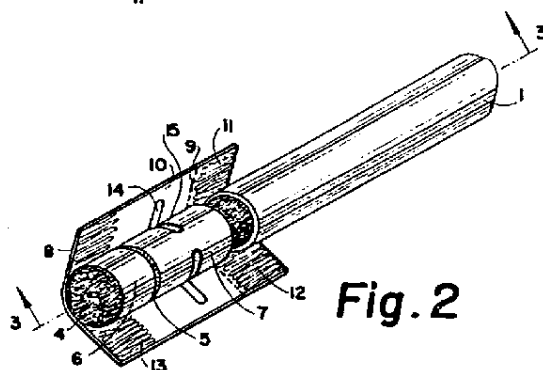


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

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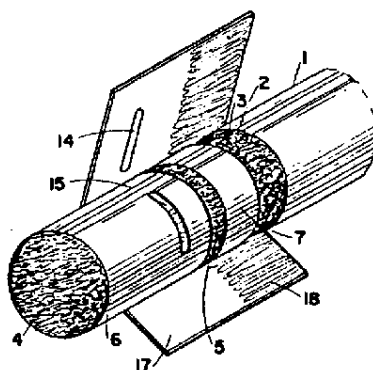


Fig. 4

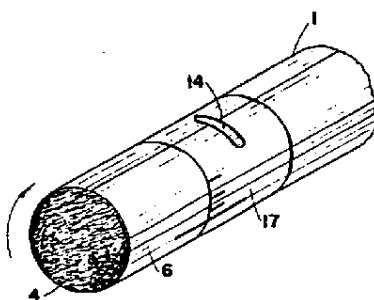


Fig. 5

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FIG. 6

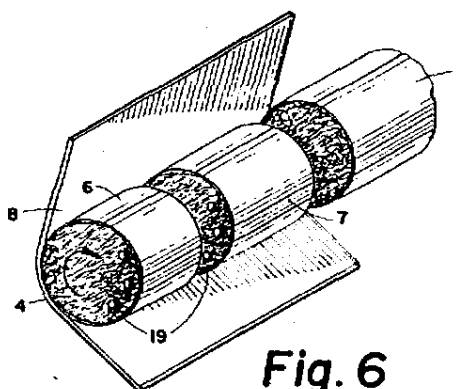


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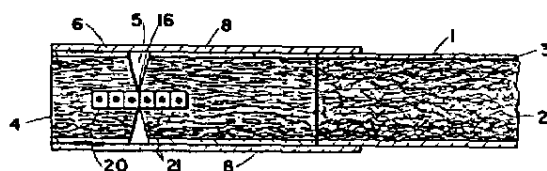


Fig. 7

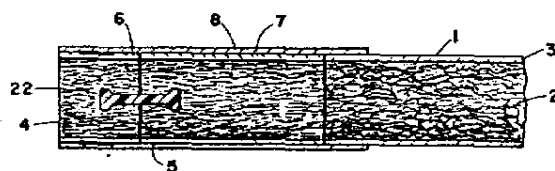


Fig. 8

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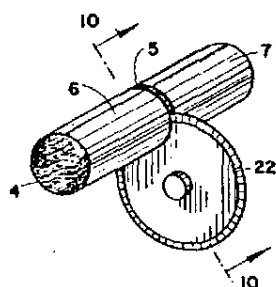


Fig. 9

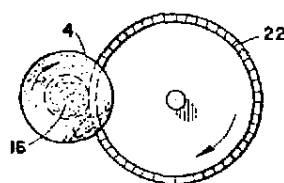


Fig. 10



Fig. 11

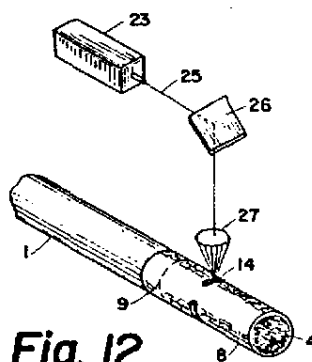


Fig. 12

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FIG. 13

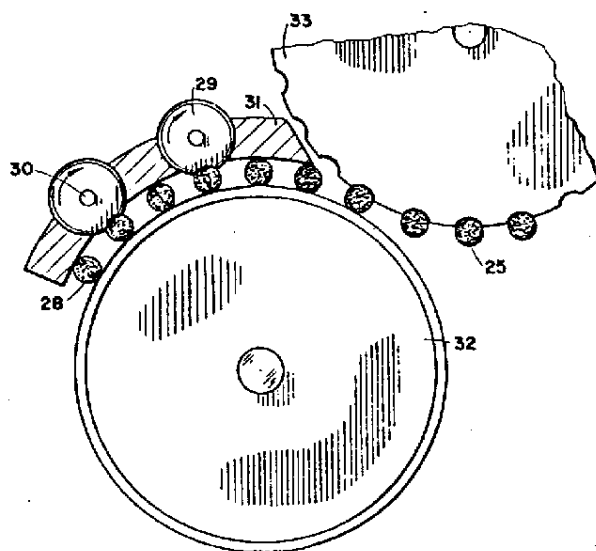


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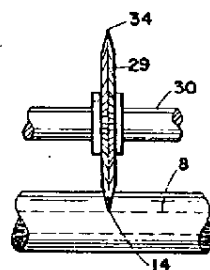


Fig. 14

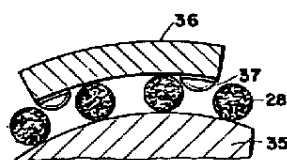


Fig. 15

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